

sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

REMEMBERING VERONA VETERAN
MICHAEL A. COPPOLA, JR. FOR
HIS YEARS OF MILITARY SERV-
ICE

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael A. Coppola, Jr. for his years of service to our Nation and to the North New Jersey community.

Mr. Coppola served in the Navy as a Water Tender Second Class. He fought in World War II from 1943 to 1946. Remarkably, he answered his country's call to duty a second time during the Korean War from 1950 to 1952. During his years of honorable service, he was awarded with the American Theatre Medal, Victory Medal, European Theatre Medal, and the Sea Bee Insignia.

After his military service, he moved to Verona, New Jersey in 1954. He worked as a Power House Chief Engineer for Otis Elevator for 31 years then went to work for Westinghouse for 10 years in a similar role.

He was President of the Essex Chapter of the National Association of Power Engineers and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Cedar Grove. In addition, he was a Fourth Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus and was a Cubmaster for Boy Scout Pack Five in Verona. For twenty years, he walked as the oldest marching veteran from World War II in Verona's Memorial Day Parade. Over these years, he became a beloved staple of the event.

Regrettably, Michael A. Coppola Jr. died on July 1st at the NJ Veterans Home in Paramus at the age of 97. I am proud to honor his long service in the Navy. He will be a missed fixture of our community.

BEATRICE STIEBER'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Birthday of Beatrice Stieber.

Beatrice (Kramer) Stieber was born on December 14, 1922 in the Bronx, New York. She married Robert Stieber on February 7, 1943. After 52 years together he passed away on April 4, 1995. They had two children, Jay and Dean.

Bea loves to spend time with her grandchildren, Tami, David, Brennan and Haley and her great grandchildren Grace, Jordan, Hadley and Scarlett.

Her happiness comes from her family, and she brings joy to all who know her. She is an outstanding cook and is passionate about food. At this milestone birthday, Bea continues to live a full and rewarding life.

HONORING LIEUTENANT RYAN
CORVIN UPON RECEIVING THE
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Lieutenant Ryan Corvin of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the servicemembers of the 60th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 60th Air Mobility Wing directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant servicemembers like Lieutenant Ryan Corvin epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Lieutenant Ryan Corvin of the 60th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for his sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

HONORING THE MID CONTINENT
GROUP

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor an impressive accomplishment for a group of job creators and innovators in my district.

This week, the Mid Continent Group celebrates their 75th anniversary. Founded in Oklahoma City by economic and cultural pioneers J.H. Edwards, E. Fred Johnson, and C.R. Anthony, the Mid Continent Group eventually moved to Tulsa under the leadership of Senator JIM INHOFE's father, Perry Dyson Inhofe, Sr.

Since 1983, the Mid Continent Group has operated as a subsidiary of Great American Insurance, under the umbrella of American Financial Group (AFG). Their business-focused approach to commercial insurance has led them to sustained success in the Tulsa area. Much like Senator INHOFE and his family, they've had a lasting positive impact on our community and the state of Oklahoma.

I thank Mid Continent Group for 75 years of hard work to help businesses flourish, and thanks to all the individuals who have contributed to that mission.

HONORING DR. K. BARRY
SHARPLESS FOR RECEIVING HIS
SECOND NOBEL PRIZE IN CHEM-
ISTRY

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of Dr. Barry Sharpless who was awarded his second Nobel Prize in Chemistry this year. His contributions to the fields of chemistry and medicine are numerous and with this award he has joined an elite list of researchers and scientists. I honor his achievements as he becomes one of only two scientists in history to win two Nobel Prizes in Chemistry and only the fifth person to win a Nobel Prize twice.

Dr. Sharpless was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 28, 1941. His first true passion was fishing, and it has been a constant throughout his life. He did not discover his love of chemistry and science until much later and did not plan to become a scientist in his youth. In 1959, he left Philadelphia to attend university at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. His parents had always hoped that he would follow in his father's footsteps and become a medical doctor. This led him to study chemistry in school. It was at Dartmouth College that he found mentors who inspired and guided him.

Dr. Sharpless attended Stanford University for his postgraduate studies, where he earned his doctorate in organic chemistry. He met his future wife at Stanford University, and they later had three children. Upon completion of his Ph.D., Dr. Sharpless conducted research in enzymology at Harvard University.

In 1970, he joined the faculty at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as an assistant professor. It was at MIT that he began researching chirality, a concept in chemistry which refers to mirror image molecules. Chemical reactions that occur in a lab produce two forms of molecules with different properties. Relying on the wrong form can make synthetic medicines dangerous. Thanks to the work done by Dr. Sharpless and his colleagues, his lab was able to find ways to synthesize molecules with new properties to develop safer pharmaceutical products. These contributions earned him his first Nobel Prize in 2001, which he shared with William S. Knowles, Ph.D., and Ryoji Noyori, Deng.

Dr. Sharpless joined Scripps Research in La Jolla, California, in 1990. Building upon his earlier work, Dr. Sharpless developed click chemistry, a term he coined that describes a set of methods used to construct chemical compounds. This process revolutionized how scientists approach bioimaging and has led to significant advances in drug development for diseases such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and cancer.

We are incredibly proud that Dr. Sharpless and his team at Scripps Research are doing this groundbreaking work in the San Diego region.